

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-12-18**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 16, 2002

Business Meeting: December 18, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.10.130 – NWE – Proposed sale by NWE of Certain Transmission Assets. (12/18/02)
2. D2002.8.100 – Whitehall Wind – Application for QF Rates with NWE. (12/18/02)
3. D2002.11.140 – NWE – Annual Gas Tracker. (12/18/02)
4. D2002.8.102 – M & W Investments – Motion in Opposition to Intervention
5. D2002.5.60 – Mountain Water Company – Establish Uniform Tariffs and Increase Rates and Charges. (12/18/02)
6. FCC 96-45 – PSC – FCC Non-Rural HCF, 10th Cir. Remand. (12/18/02)
7. D2002.10.126 – PSC – Unauthorized Charges on Telephone Bills (cramming complaints) (12/18/02)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE COMPANY D2002.10.135 (JOEL)

On November 1, 2002, Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application for an approximate 20 percent reduction in rates of the 53 percent granted in March of 2001 due to increased power costs. This is for final approval.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2002.12.151 (LEROY)

On November 27, 2002, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed tariff pages for Commission review and approval. The purpose is to wave the Nonrecurring Records Only Charges, where available in the serving Wire Center for existing Residential customers who order Citizens Select / Select Plus services. In addition, the customer will receive a \$10.00 credit for Citizens Select / Select Plus services on their first month's bill or a free Caller ID phone. This promotion is scheduled to run from January 1, 2003 through February 15, 2003. Citizens Telecommunications is requesting a January 1, 2003 effective date.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-01-02

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2002.11.149 – Blackfoot Telephone and Clark Fork Combining into One Co.

N2002.12.151 – Citizens Telephone – Special Promotion

N2002.12.152 – Qwest – TT 02-30 – New Service Options for Wireless E911 Connectivity

N2002.12.153 – Qwest – TT QLCCO2-01 – Initial Tariff and Price List for Qwest Long Distance

D2002.12.154 – MDU -Application for Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change